

September 25

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Oval Office, he participated in a bill signing ceremony for S. 3406, the ADA Amendments Act of 2008. Then, also in the Oval Office, he participated in a photo opportunity and met with leaders of the Orthodox Union.

In the evening, in the Old Family Dining Room, the President had dinner with Prime Minister Manmohan Singh of India.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Viktor Yushchenko of Ukraine to the White House on September 29.

The President announced his intention to nominate Paul A. Quander, Jr., to be Director of the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia.

The President announced his intention to nominate F. Chase Hutto III to be Assistant Secretary of Energy (International Affairs and Domestic Policy).

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board: Mark D. Abkowitz; Thure E. Cerling; David J. Duquette; and Ronald M. Latanision.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the National Council on the Arts: Chas Fagan; JoAnn Falletta; Lee Greenwood; and Barbara Ernst Prey.

The President announced his intention to designate Karthik Ramanathan as Acting Assistant Secretary of the Treasury (Financial Markets).

September 26

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met separately with President Hamid Karzai of Afghanistan and Prime Minister Gordon Brown of the United Kingdom.

During the day, the President had separate telephone conversations with Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell and House Republican Leader John A. Boehner to discuss the financial markets situation.

In the evening, in the Thomas Jefferson Building at the Library of Congress, the President and Mrs. Bush attended the 2008 National Book Festival Gala performance and dinner.

The President declared a major disaster in Alabama and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding associated with Hurricane Ike from September 12–14.

The President declared a major disaster in Alaska and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the areas struck by severe storms, flooding, landslides, and mudslides from July 27–August 6.

The President announced his intention to nominate Irvin Mayfield as a member of the National Council on the Arts.

**Nominations
Submitted to the Senate**

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted September 26

John Grasty Crews II,
of New Mexico, to be Inspector General,
Small Business Administration, vice Eric M.
Thorson.

Michael S. Doran,
of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary
of State (International Information Pro-
grams), vice John Stern Wolf.

Chas Fagan,
of North Carolina, to be a member of the
National Council on the Arts for a term expir-
ing September 3, 2014, vice Jerry Pinkney,
term expired.

JoAnn Falletta,
of New York, to be a member of the National
Council on the Arts for the remainder of the
term expiring September 3, 2012, vice
Foreststorn Hamilton.

Lee Greenwood,
of Tennessee, to be a member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2014, vice Makoto Fujimura, term expired.

F. Chase Hutto III,
of Michigan, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (International Affairs and Domestic Policy), vice Karen Alderman Harbert, resigned.

Irvin Mayfield,
of Louisiana, to be a member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2014, vice Karen Lias Wolff, term expired.

Kathryn A. Oberly,
of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals for the term of 15 years, vice Michael W. Farrell, retired.

Barbara Ernst Prey,
of New York, to be a member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2014, vice Mark Hofflund, term expired.

Paul A. Quander, Jr.,
of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia for a term of 6 years (reappointment).

Philip P. Simon,
of Indiana, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, vice Kenneth F. Ripple, retired.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released September 19

Transcript of a press briefing by National Security Adviser Stephen J. Hadley on the upcoming U.N. General Assembly *

Released September 20

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 6456 and S. 2450

Fact sheet: Strengthening American Prosperity Through Trade

Released September 22

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Dana Perino

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Mississippi

Released September 23

Transcript of a conference call press gaggle by Deputy Press Secretary Tony Fratto on the national economy

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 5683

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Indiana

Fact sheet: Meeting the Challenges of the 21st Century

Released September 24

Statement by the Press Secretary on the resignation of Elias A. Zerhouni as Director of the National Institutes of Health

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed S. 2617

Text: Pathways to Prosperity in the Americas

Released September 25

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Dana Perino

* This briefing was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on September 20.